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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composite comprising:

a fibrous face layer, wherein the face layer has a top surface and a bottom surface opposite the top surface, and wherein the fibrous face layer comprises a plurality of legs ~~formed from loops dependent therefrom~~ dependent from the fibrous face layer, and

an adhesive layer having a top surface that corresponds to the bottom surface of the fibrous face layer and is in direct contact with the bottom surface of the fibrous face layer, wherein the legs of the fibrous face layer are anchored in the adhesive layer.

Claim 2 (original): The composite of claim 1, wherein a top portion of the fibrous face layer above the top of the adhesive layer has a thickness of about 0.5 mm to about 2.0 mm.

Claim 3 (original): The composite of claim 1, wherein a top portion of the fibrous face layer above the top of the adhesive layer has a basis weight of about 100 grams/m² to about 500 grams/m².

Claim 4 (original): The composite of claim 1, wherein the fibrous face layer comprises a non-woven layer.

Claim 5 (original): The composite of claim 4, wherein the legs of the fibrous face layer comprise free ends of fibers from the non-woven layer needle punched through the non-woven layer.

Claim 6 (original): The composite of claim 5, wherein the needling density is at least 500 ppi.

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Claim 7 (original): The composite of claim 6, wherein the needling density is at least 1,000 ppi.

Claim 8 (original): The composite of claim 1, wherein the fibrous layer comprises a stitch bonded and bulked fabric.

Claim 9 (original): The composite of claim 8, wherein the stitch bonded and bulked fabric comprises a non-woven substrate stitch-bonded by shrinkable yarns.

Claim 10 (original): The composite of claim 9, wherein the legs of the fibrous face layer comprise undulating loops formed on the stitch bonded and bulked fabric.

Claim 11 (original): The composite of claim 10, wherein the undulating loops have a frequency of about 12 loops per inch to about 60 loops per inch.

Claim 12 (original): The composite of claim 1, wherein the fibrous layer comprises a pattern bonded and bulked fabric.

Claim 13 (original): The composite of claim 12, wherein the pattern bonded and bulked fabric comprises a non-woven substrate pattern bonded to a shrinkable bonding substrate.

Claim 14 (original): The composite of claim 13, wherein the legs of the fibrous layer comprise undulating loops formed on the pattern bonded and bulked fabric.

Claim 15 (original): The composite of claim 14, wherein the undulating loops have a frequency of about 12 loops per inch to about 60 loops per inch.

Claim 16 (original): The composite of claim 1, wherein the fibrous layer comprises a reversed pile knit fabric.

Claim 17 (original): The composite of claim 16, wherein the legs of the fibrous

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layer comprise pile loops of the reversed pile knit fabric.

Claim 18 (original): The composite of claim 16, wherein the legs of the fibrous layer comprise cut and raised free fiber ends of the reversed pile knit fabric.

Claim 19 (original): The composite of claim 1, wherein the fibrous layer comprises a woven fabric.

Claim 20 (original): The composite of claim 19, wherein the legs of the fibrous layer comprise cut and raised free fiber ends from the woven fabric.

Claim 21 (original): The composite of claim 1 further comprising a backing layer.

Claim 22 (original): The composite of claim 5 further comprising a backing layer, and wherein the at least some of the legs penetrate the backing layer.

Claim 23 (original): The composite of claim 1 being embossable to form a three-dimensional textured product.

Claim 24 (original): The composite of claim 1, wherein the face layer is spunlaced.

Claim 25 (original): The composite of claim 24, wherein the face layer is spunlaced substantially from the top surface.

Claim 26 (original): A composite comprising:
a face layer comprising a plurality fibers, the face layer having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite the top surface, defining a thickness between the top and bottom surfaces; and

a continuous smooth uninterrupted adhesive layer in direct contact with the bottom surface, wherein the bottom surface has been altered to increase the surface area in contact with the adhesive layer and wherein the adhesive layer extending partially into

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the thickness of the face layer a distance sufficient to anchor the face layer in the adhesive layer.

Claim 27 (original): The composite of claim 26, further comprising a backing in direct contact with the adhesive layer such that the adhesive layer is disposed between the face layer and the backing, the adhesive layer extending into the backing.

Claim 28 (original): The composite of claim 26, wherein the distance is from about $\frac{1}{4}$ to about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the thickness between the top and bottom surfaces.

Claim 29 (original): The composite of claim 26, wherein the face layer further comprises a needled non-woven web containing the plurality of fibers, the top surface comprising a plurality of downwardly facing fiber loops and the bottom surface comprising a plurality of free fiber ends, and wherein the free fiber ends increase the surface contact.

Claim 30 (original): The composite of claim 29, wherein the needled non-woven web is formed by spunlacing.

Claim 31 (original): The composite of claim 29, wherein the needled non-woven web is formed by needle-punching.

Claim 32 (original): The composite of claim 26, wherein the face layer comprises a gathered layer, the top surface comprising a plurality of downwardly facing loops and the bottom surface comprising a plurality of upwardly facing loops, and wherein the upwardly facing loops increase the surface contact.

Claim 33 (original): The composite of claim 26, wherein the face layer comprises a knit fabric, the bottom surface comprising the pile side of the knit fabric, and wherein the pile side of the knit fabric increases the surface contact.

Claim 34 (original): The composite of claim 26, wherein the face layer comprises

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a woven pile fabric, the bottom surface comprising the pile side of the woven pile fabric, and wherein the pile side of the woven fabric increases the surface contact.

Claims 35- 55 (canceled)

Claim 56 (new): A composite comprising a fibrous face layer and an adhesive layer, wherein the face layer comprises needle-punched non-woven fabrics forming a plurality of legs dependent from the fibrous face layer, wherein the legs of the fibrous face layer are needled through the face layer and are anchored in the adhesive layer.

Claim 57 (new): A composite comprising a fibrous face layer and an adhesive layer, wherein the face layer comprises a gathered fabric forming a plurality of legs, wherein the legs of the fibrous face layer are anchored in the adhesive layer.

Claim 58 (new): A composite comprising a fibrous face layer and an adhesive layer, wherein the face layer comprises a knit fabric made from textured yarns forming a plurality of legs, wherein the legs of the fibrous face layer are anchored in the adhesive layer.

Claim 59 (new): A composite comprising a fibrous face layer and an adhesive layer, wherein the face layer comprises a brushed woven forming a plurality of legs, wherein the legs of the fibrous face layer are anchored in the adhesive layer.